

GENERAL LAWS OF TEXAS.

FIRST CALLED SESSION

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 1895.

PRIZE FIGHTING, ETC.—PENALTIES THEREFOR.

CHAP. 1.—[S. B. No. 3.] An act to prohibit prize fighting and pugilism, and fights between men and animals, and to provide penalties therefor, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That any person who shall voluntarily engage in a pugilistic encounter between man and man, or a fight between a man and a bull or any other animal, for money or other thing of value, or for any championship, or upon the result of which any money or any thing of value is bet or wagered, or to see which any admission fee is charged, either directly or indirectly, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and upon conviction shall be punished by imprisonment in the penitentiary not less than two nor more than five years.

SEC. 2. By the term "pugilistic encounter," as used in this act, is meant any voluntary fight or personal encounter by blows by means of the fists or otherwise, whether with or without gloves, between two or more men, for money or for a prize of any character, or for any other thing of value, or for any championship, or upon the result of which any money or any thing of value is bet or wagered.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. The fact that there is now no adequate penalty against prize fighting and pugilism, or fights between men and beasts, creates an imperative public necessity and emergency requiring the suspension of the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, and that this law should take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is hereby so enacted.

Approved October 3, 1895.

APPROPRIATION—MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

CHAP. 2.—[S. B. No. 1.] An act making an appropriation for mileage and per diem pay of members and per diem pay of officers and employes of the first called session of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of Texas, convened October 1st, 1895, by proclamation of the Governor.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in